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To whom it may concern:

I was one of the first people to testify at the hearing in Trenton on July 17. I want to say thank you to all who worked on this report. It's a breath-taking departure from "business as usual", and genuinely acknowledges the climate change threats before us. It's more than I could've hoped for.

I am a father of a toddler and deeply concerned about what kind of world she will be growing up in. How many horrors will she have to witness or live through? In part, that answer is up to you and me, all of us.

I would like to make a few points:

1. Defining "clean energy" as "100% carbon neutral" strikes me as disingenuous and a form of double-speak. This thought gnawed on me as I read the report. It's not really "clean energy". It's clean energy plus not clean energy that nets out at zero. I think the report should be honest in its language and not obfuscate. But even more importantly, I encourage the parties that be to change the goal to be **100% clean renewable energy** by 2050. That would be in line with the latest science on this issue and the best response possible.
2. The EMP should include a moratorium on all fossil fuel projects until greenhouse gases are properly regulated, something the EMP stresses the state *has* the power to do. I just don't see how it makes any sense to build new fossil fuel projects given what we know. We should be shutting them all down. I am willing to accept any quality of life reduction this would cause.
3. I would like the EMP to be more explicit about how labor's buy-in will be obtained to achieve the EMP's goals. I fail to see how the EMP's goals can be made without labor's buy-in, given how many of the sectors mentioned in the EMP are unionized.
4. The report should have annual measurable goals in it, so we can really know if the right progress is being made. It's a tight timeline and we need real measurements and accountability.

Thank you for listening.

Warmly,
Boris Kerzner